

HOULIHANE
Appl. No. 10/743,473
March 10, 2008

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings replace the original sheets including Figs.1-11.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Formal drawings are submitted with this response, and the abstract is amended as required.

Claims 10, 15, 18, 21, 34, 39, 42, and 45 are indicated as allowable.

The subject matter of allowable claim 18 is incorporated into claim 1, and therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claims should now be allowed. The subject matter of allowable claim 42 is incorporated into claim 25, and therefore, claim 25 and its dependent claims should now be allowed.

Allowable claims 10, 15, and 21 have been rewritten as independent claims. Claims 23, 24, and 46 have been canceled.

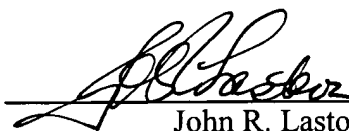
Thus, the prior art rejection is moot.

Because all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome, the application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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